ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 3:5

Action taken by the United States with respect to imports from Pakistan

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States converting an Article 3:6 measure (communicated to the TSB in June 1986) into a twelve-month restraint under Article 3:5 on imports of cotton polyester fabric (Category 613C) from Pakistan.

1See COM.TEX/SB/1176, paragraph 50.
2English only/Anglais seulement/Inglés solamente
August 11, 1986

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue De Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Ambassador Raffaelli:

This is to notify the Textiles Surveillance Body (TSB) that the Government of the United States has converted the earlier six-month restraint with Pakistan on cotton polyester fabric (Category 613C) which had been invoked pursuant to Article 3.6 of the Arrangement to a twelve-month restraint pursuant to Article 3.5 of the Arrangement as set forth in the enclosed diplomatic note. The original Article 3.6 action was notified to the body on June 17, 1986, and cited in the report of the 5th meeting of 1986 (para 50 of Com.Tex/SB/1176).

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor
EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO MY GOVERNMENT'S NOTE DATED APRIL 27, 1986, DELIVERED IN ISLAMABAD WHICH REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE MULTI-MEETING ARRANGEMENT (THE ARRANGEMENT) TO SET AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF RESTRAINT FOR SUCH EXPORTS IN CATEGORY 612-C FROM PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED STATES. I ALSO HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO MY GOVERNMENT'S NOTE DATED JUNE 12, 1986, DELIVERED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHICH REQUESTED A SIX-MONTH RESTRAINT FOR PAKISTANI EXPORTS OF LIGHTWEIGHT, PLAINWEAVE POLYESTER/COTTON FABRIC IN CATEGORY 612-C TO THE UNITED STATES AS AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE ARRANGEMENT. I FURTHER HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE ARRANGEMENT AND TO CONVINCATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON JULY 8, 1986 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

AFTER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE SERIOUS DISRUPTION OF TRADE, MY GOVERNMENT HAS SET A SIX-MONTH RESTRAINT ON EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN OF LIGHTWEIGHT, PLAINWEAVE POLYESTER/COTTON FABRIC IN CATEGORY 612-C TO THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE ARRANGEMENT. THIS WAS THEN EXTENDED ON JULY 9 TO 12 MONTHS, AT A LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO THE ARTICLE 2 ANNUAL RESTRAINT, IN ORDER TO PREVENT AN IMMINENT EMBARGO. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED THIS LATTER RESTRAINT PERSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

THE TWELVE-MONTH RESTRAINT PERIOD ENGAGES FOR PRODUCTS IN THIS CATEGORY EXPORTED ON AND AFTER APRIL 27, 1986, THE DATE OF DELIVERY OF THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS. THE LEVEL OF RESTRAINT IS 14,049,976 SQUARE YARDS, WHICH IS THE LEVEL OF ACTUAL IMPORTS OF SUCH PRODUCTS DURING THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TERMINATING 12 MONTHS PRECEDING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS WAS MADE. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS WILLING TO CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO REACH A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES REGARDING TRADE IN CATEGORY 612-C.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

JOHN J. ST. JHN

HIS EXCELLENCY
FJAZ AZIM,
AMBISSADOR OF PAKISTAN.